



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Katsuhiko Mikoshiba *et al.*  
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Communication mailed on January 14, 2003. In that communication, the Examiner asserted that Applicants' reply filed on October 30, 2002 was not fully responsive because Applicants did not select a single nucleic acid sequence for examination.

Further to the election made on October 30, 2002, Applicants hereby elect SEQ ID NO: 3 for examination. This election is made with traverse, the basis of which is described below.

Please amend the application as follows.

**In the Claims:**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, please substitute for claims 3-6 the following rewritten versions of the same claims. The attached "Marked-Up Version of the Claims" explicitly shows all changes.